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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister will examine how far the staff employed is adequate to carry out the target laid down in the Government's post-war plans?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" I say that the staff to carry out rural water-supply schemes is absolutely inadequate. In fact, Scheme No. 97 of the post-war plans contemplates the employment of hundred maistris, and when these hundred maistris and other officers are available, I think, we will be having an adequate number of people to execute the works."

Adviser for Ayurvedic Institutions.

*87 *Q.*—LIEUT.-COL. K. R. K. AYYANGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health and Medicine be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the qualifications of the person chosen to advise on the starting of Ayurvedic institutions and organizing them are;

(*b*) what are his emoluments;

(*c*) whether he has submitted a report on the question of the location of such institutions; and

(*d*) if so, whether the Government propose to lay this on the Table of the House?

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" (*a*) The officer is a B.A., B.L., and a retired Law Secretary to the Government of Mysore. In addition to his being Law Secretary, he was also in charge of the Medical portfolio in Mysore. He has had administrative experience in the Department of Indian Medicine and was also the Chairman of the Committee for Indigeneous Systems of Medicine in Mysore.

" (*b*) The Government have decided to grant him an honorarium of Rs. 500 per mensem in addition to a conveyance allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem. He has been treated as a first grade officer for purposes of travelling allowance.

" (*c*) It has been tentatively proposed to open colleges of Indian Medicine (Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani) at five places, namely, Madras, Bezwada, Tanjore, Mangalore and Calicut. The officer has submitted proposals for accommodation in respect of the first three places.

" (*d*) As Government are considering the recommendations, it would be premature to lay the report on the Table of the House."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister for Public Health has received representations from the Ceded Districts requesting her to consider the desirability of opening a college in that area?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" Yes, representations have been received for opening a college of Indian Medicine in Ceded Districts. The proposal was considered whether it

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would be possible to have a college of Indian Medicine in the Ceded Districts. In view of the fact that five colleges are located in five different places, the question of opening a school of Indian Medicine in the Ceded Districts is under the consideration of the Government."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know the reason why the Government should have appointed a person from a state? Is it because no suitable person was found in our own province?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" Yes. In the opinion of the Government a person with administrative experience was not available and hence it was that he was appointed. It is only for a period of one year that we have appointed the special officer, and the question of appointing a permanent man with expert knowledge will be taken into consideration by the Government. In fact, the proposal is under the consideration of the Government."

Dispute between mirasdars and kisans in Tanjore district.

* 88 *Q.*—LIEUT.-COL. K. R. K. AYYANGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) what award was given by the adjudicator in the dispute between mirasdars and kisans in the Mannargudi taluk of the Tanjore district;

(*b*) why the award has not been published; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to take action on the award of the adjudicator?

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH on behalf of the HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (*a*) and (*b*) The award is still under consideration and cannot therefore be published now.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" When was the award made and why has it been so long under consideration?"

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" It was about two months ago and subsequently there has been some trouble in that place."

SRI K. NATARAJAN :—" May I know from the Government whether it is not a fact that there could be no award because the Trade Disputes Act has not been applied, and that therefore the agreement entered into between the Tanjore mirasdars and kisans could not be acted upon?"

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" So far as I know, there was an award and I think it was based upon the agreement of the two parties."

SRI K. NATARAJAN :—" So far as the agrarian disputes are concerned, may I know whether the Government will be pleased to pass a measure similar to L. A. Bill No. 3 of 1946 [The Madras Trade Disputes Adjudication (Temporary Provision) Bill]?"